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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, ET (FONMIN ZEWDE GEBRE SELASSIE)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT UNGA: TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN

REF: ADDIS 9758 PARA 3 AND ADDIS 10912 PARA 4

1. EMBASSY WOULD EXPECT FONMIN TO CONCENTRATE ON QUESTION US UNDERSTANDING OF AND SUPPORT FOR NEW ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT (EPMG). HE IS LIKELY TO EXPLAIN TREND OF EVENTS WHICH LED TO FALL OF HAILE SELASSIE; POINT OUT THAT EMPG HAS ALREADY MADE PUBLIC COMMITMENT THAT IT WILL MEET ETHIOPIA'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS; STATE THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ITS PUBLIC NON-ALIGNMENT POSTURE EPMG WILL CONTINUE LOOK TO US FOR SUPPORT IN ITS EFFORTS FOSTER THE SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF ETHIOPIA AT CURRENT OR HIGHER LEVELS. IN THIS CONTEXT WE SHOULD ANTICIPATE THE REITERATION OF LG AMAN'S DESIRE FOR ADDITIONAL AND EXPEDITED MILITARY ASSISTANCE ON SOFTEST TERMS, THE MAINTENANCE OF MAXIMIZED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND THE CONTINUATION OF NECESSARY DROUGHT RELIEF. FONMIN MAY ALSO CONVEY THAT EARLY ACCREDITATION OF AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WOULD, BE WELCOMED BY HIMSELF AND BY HIS GOVERNMENT AS PRIME INDICATION USG'S CONTINUING FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARDS ETHIOPIA. HE MAY HINT THAT UNDUE DELAY ON OUR PART WOULD OPERATE TO STRENGTHEN FORCES INIMICAL BOTH TO OUR INTEREST AND, IN HIS PERSONAL VIEW, TO THOSE OF ETHIOPIA.

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2. SECRETARY MAY WISH ASSURE FONMIN OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN

ETHIOPIA'S DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY. SECRETARY MAY WISH STATE THAT USG PREPARED CONTINUE WITH EPMG, ON BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, FRIENDLY RELATIONS IT HAS ENJOYED WITH PRECEDING ETHIOPIAN ADMINISTRATIONS. SECRETARY MAY THEN WISH TO REVIEW USG'S CURRENT EFFORTS IN BEHALF ETHIOPIA'S RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY AND SPEAK TO QUESTION OF US AMBASSADOR. IF CONVERSATION LENDS ITSELF THERETO, SECRETARY MAY WISH RAISE QUESTION ETHIOPIA'S SUPPORT FOR US VIEWS ON UNGA ISSUES TO WHICH WE ATTACH GREATEST IMPORTANCE.

3. IN OUR EXPERIENCE FONMIN IS UNUSUALLY FRANK AND DIRECT ON ALMOST ANY SUBJECT.

4. FONMIN'S EXACT ETA NEW YORK WILL BE CABLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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